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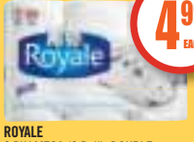

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5 Thoughts on the Remai Art Gallery and River Landing

With the construction of the Remai Art Gallery kicking off this year, Metro asked some local notables what kind of impact they think the gallery and River Landing expansion will have on the city, and what kind of attention it will bring Saskatoon.

MORGAN MODJESKI, WITH FILES FROM ALYSSA MCDONALD
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1 John Gormley, host of John Gormley Live

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

"I think it's going to be fantastic. I see it in the form of sort of a cultural walk. You've got the Persephone next door, you've got the Remai Art Gallery. The Mendel did such beautiful things for so many years (and) when you think about the topography, when the Mendel was built and opened in the '60s, until relatively recently you had no reason to walk where River Landing is today. Now where the Remai Art Gallery is, I think it's opened up so much of that area as a vista for people, that the size of (the) gallery, the design of the gallery and the location, I think, are going to do incredible things for downtown."

2 Lisa Thomaidis, assistant coach of Canada's Olympic women's basketball team

"Everything that's happening down at River Landing is certainly going to energize the downtown. I just think with the Riverbank there, it really hasn't been developed very much, so with River Landing, I think it's going to bring more people down there. It's just such a nice focal point for our city. I mean it's beautiful down there.... It's just going to be tremendous. As far as the gallery goes, with the Picasso collection that has come in, I think that really puts Saskatoon on the map, culturally speaking. I think we've always been a city that prides ourselves on a number of different things.… We're certainly a growing city and getting up there in terms of competing culturally and socially."

3 Christian Braid, president of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

"The construction will be phenomenal. As the city continues to grow, we need to keep adding some of these different things to our overall offering. As an outsider looking in, anytime anyone looks into Saskatoon, or any city for that matter, they're looking at what's available beyond restaurants and a movie theatre, and this is going to help Saskatoon be a much more well-rounded community and have more to offer not only the citizens of Saskatoon, but those who are coming here to spend time in Saskatoon.… You hear so many people talking about quality of life in Saskatoon and quality of life means different things to different people, and that's why it's really important we have some of these different offerings."

4 Donald Atchison, mayor of Saskatoon

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

"First of all, we've already received a national award in architectural design. And another thing that we've talked about is this cultural corridor from Broadway to downtown and up 20th Street, all the way up to Troupe De Jour, then you've got the Art on Spadina Crescent and that gallery. So I think it really makes a significant impact because then you have the synergies all there and it's not only the visual arts, but also you've got the performing arts, too. So you've got it all in one location and then you have film with the Galaxy theatres, so that's all there together and I think it makes a wonderful configuration for us.… I think it's just going to be phenomenal when it's all completed in the end."

5 Sheila Coles, host of CBC Saskatchewan's The Morning Edition

"It certainly speaks to how this province is booming and becoming that much more cosmopolitan. We did the story a little while ago of the incredible Picassos that are going to be coming there, and it put Saskatoon on the national map as far as art collections are concerned. It will be a must-see thing to do when you are in Saskatoon — a must-do, visit the gallery."

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PLANTING SEEDS OF DOUBT AND TAKING WILD GUESSES

URBAN COMPASS
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2012 will be remembered as the year "Next Year" finally arrived in Saskatchewan. But 2012 is so over. It's time to take a deep breath, curl up by the fire with your favourite nog, and contemplate 2013.

You're not superstitious, are you? Too bad calendars aren't like tall buildings that skip right to 14, refusing to acknowledge 13 altogether. But we're stuck with it, so here go Sullivan's fearless predictions for Year-After-Next Country.

• Saskatchewan will not merge with Alberta and become Saskaberta or Altoona or whatever. They wish.

• We'll still be arguing about the replacement for the stadium at Taylor Field. Too much money, not enough roof.

• Jagger the African Cat will be allowed to establish permanent residence in the province. A good thing too: Now that he's been neutered and declawed, he certainly can't go back to where he came from, even if it is only B.C.

• Premier Brad Wall will get his wish and U.S. President Barack Obama, who will never have to run for election again, will finally approve the Keystone pipeline from the oilsands to Gulf Coast refineries. But good luck on the pipeline from the oilsands to the West Coast. That one will have to run over Christy Clark's dead body.

• Housing prices in Saskatchewan will … how should I know? I'm not psychic!

• The province will continue to operate in its own time zone, and 11 frequent fliers will miss their flights to Toronto on Nov. 3, 2013.

• Unless the price of potash falls through the floor, the world's largest potash mine will get underway in Jansen, as BHP is determined to have its own damn mine after its bid for Potash Corp. failed. Hell hath no fury like the power of a multinational scorned.

• As Saskatchewan enjoys another bumper crop and the price of wheat pushes $9 a bushel, the question farmers are going be asking themselves will be: "Wheat Board? What Wheat Board?" Prime Minister Stephen Harper is either lucky or smart to shut down the government grain marketing agency at a time when demand is so high, importing countries would buy it by the bushel basket at a roadside stand.

• Saskatchewan 18-year-olds will still have to wait until they're 19 to experience the mixed blessing of legal drinking age. Until then, they should definitely be careful about getting mixed up in anything, especially drinking and driving.

• The last bastion of Next Year Country, the Roughies (wherever they end up playing), will win the Grey Cup. Believe.

Stephen Harper is either lucky or smart to end the Wheat Board's marketing monopoly. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Metro asks: What's your prediction for 2013?

Lis McMillan, 21, Halifax

"It will probably be a lot like (2012). Cold in the winter. Warmer in the summer. Probably a couple superstorms."

Helen Litam, 23, Richmond, B.C.

"No more (MTV's) 16 and Pregnant people."

Katrina Lat, 20, London, Ont.

"Walt Disney will be removed from his current cryogenically frozen state, and brought in to help direct Star Wars: Episode 7."

Ali Hancharyk, 27, Winnipeg

"2013 will see popular music deteriorate to the point of solely consisting of just beeping noises and laser sounds."

Lorissa Good, 37, Calgary

"Same-sex marriages will be allowed in more U.S. states once they realize how much money gay people spend on parties."

Kevin Kirouac, 43, Edmonton

"I predict a female, black prime minister for the country. It would shock everybody." (Ed's note: Shocking since there's no federal election in 2013.)

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The future of endangered species: More of the same

Metro speaks with World Wildlife Fund scientist and researcher Pete Ewin, who said there will continue to be winners and losers in the global-warming species game in 2013.

ELISHA DACEY
Metro in Winnipeg

The losers

Narwhal

Narwhals, called the "Unicorns of the sea" due to their long, sharp tusk, feed deep under packed Arctic ice, which provides them with shelter from predators. Less ice means less defence.

Polar bears

Polar bears are hugely dependent on sea ice for their food supply. Less ice means fewer chances of fattening up on ringed seals, their primary food, which keeps them nourished the rest of the year. Ewin said polar bears will eventually be found only further north, and have been eating more seaweed and kelp in recent years to keep their bellies full.

Ringed seals

Warmer waters and less ice mean fewer resting places for the ringed seal. Ringed seals usually pup on large ice floes and spend most of their lives in contact with ice or icy waters. Smaller ice floes keep these solitary animals from spreading out like they're used to doing.

The winners

Killer whales

Considered a threatened species, killer whales are making a comeback in areas with warmer temperatures and warmer waters. Warmer waters in the north mean killer whales will be found with more frequency in northern climates.

Other seals

The decline of the ringed seal will mean more food for other types of seal. Harp seals, which like colder waters but not ice, may move in, affecting the diet of other animals and the Inuit, many of whom rely on ringed seals for food.

Some salmon

Different species of salmon used to warmer waters will start to replace others. This will also bring killer whales closer, as their primary food source is salmon.

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Talking tech predictions for 2013

Technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace and there are no signs it will slow down anytime soon. 2013 will usher in a new wave of products and consumer technology. Here are a few tech trends you can expect to see in the coming months

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Fuel-cell chargers

Recharge your gadgets over and over again without plugging them into a wall socket. Forget oversized batteries used in most portable chargers, as fuel-cell chargers use water, or in some cases lighter fluid, to charge your favourite gadgets up to 14 times. Need more juice? Simply refill the charger with fluid to reset the charging process.

3-D printing

Create custom jewelry, smartphone cases and even small toys in the comfort of your own home. 3-D printing technology has been around for a few years, but the equipment and supplies have been expensive. All signs now point towards a massive push to the consumer market in 2013. Download a template, press print, and wait while your project comes to life right in front of your eyes.

Cloud-based gaming

Play video games without shelling out big bucks for a high-end gaming console. Cloud-based games are run on remote servers and are streamed to your home. Since the servers do all the heavy lifting, you can run the games on virtually any device such as a television or tablet. You never have to worry about outdated hardware. Microsoft and Sony are both said to be looking at the technology for their new consoles, which are expected to be announced in 2013.

OLED TV

Each year television displays get thinner and thinner, but this could be the year they finally become paper-thin. Last year at the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, both LG and Samsung showed amazing OLED (organic light-emitting diode) panels. These stylized TVs were beautifully designed, boasted rich colour and were a mere 4 mm thick. Despite promises they would hit the market in 2012, it never happened.

Ultra high-definition TV

Think your high-definition television has a beautiful picture? Just wait until you see what's around the corner. Manufacturers such as Sony are launching 4K TV, which puts current high-definition sets to shame. Imagine four times the resolution than your current HDTV. I've seen these new sets and I've got to say the picture is jaw-dropping, but so is the price.

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Technically speaking

Top tech trends

Rise of digital media receiver

Over one million U.S. cable subscribers ended their subscriptions in 2011, and the trend is expected to continue thanks to more people picking up digital media receivers by companies like Roku and Apple. With these "boxes," users can use streaming services like Hulu Plus, Netflix and Amazon Instant video to watch whatever they want, whenever they want.

Xbox 720 vs. PS 4, Grand Theft Auto 5

The Xbox 720 and Playstation 4 — or Playstation Omni if you believe the blogs — may launch (the latter may measure your heartbeat and take cues from your emotions). Meanwhile, the biggest game of next year could be Grand Theft Auto V, rumoured to kick doors down in Q2 of 2013.

All-in-one Fujitsu Lifebook 2013

While it may function as your basic laptop when put together, the Fujitsu Lifebook 2013 can be broken down to become a tablet, phone and camera as well. How does it work? The digital keyboard can be pulled out to work as a tablet, and the camera can be removed from the front of the computer when it's not in use.

Kickstarter changes business

2013 will be the year that crowd-sourced funding becomes a household name. Before, people had to rely on angel investors to launch their startup. Now, they can use their social-network savvy to recruit interested parties to donate a few dollars towards their company. **MICHELLE CASTILLO/ METRO WORLD NEWS**

10 things forecast to happen in 2013

Jan. 21: Four more years

Barack Obama is sworn in for a second (and final) term as president of the United States. Inauguration Day begins with a church service, after which the president and his family travel to Capitol Hill, where the chief justice of the Supreme Court will administer the oath. Obama will then deliver his inaugural address. The day ends with inaugural balls.

Feb. 10: Year of the Snake

Chinese New Year begins the Year of the Snake. According to Chinese astrology, a person born in the Year of the Snake is very wise and can be a theologian, as well as a smart banker. She also has good taste in food and fashion but is not frivolous. Sounds like a good year to have babies.

March 20: UN says be happy

:-) First-ever International Happiness Day. The day, sponsored by the UN, is the latest move towards establishing happiness as a key factor in comparing nations. A number of countries, including Britain, now have official National Happiness Indexes. The Smiley emoticon, meanwhile, celebrated its 30th birthday in September 2012.

March 21: Closure of Alcatraz, 50 years ago

Will Sean Connery be back? Fifty years ago, Alcatraz closed. The world's most famous prison ("The Rock") housed America's most infamous prisoners, including Al Capone. Thirty-six escape attempts were made from the prison island, but none are known to have succeeded. Connery's character in the movie, The Rock, succeeded, however.

June 14: Open race in Iran election

Iran holds presidential elections. Firebrand Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has served two terms as president and is ineligible to run again. So, the race is wide open, with analysts reading the tea leaves to see which candidate Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei will support. The outcome of the election will be closely watched by the world as Iran is currently on a confrontation course with the international community over its nuclear program.

June 29: Ready, steady, cycle

The Tour de France begins today, dramatically scrubbed of the memory of Lance Armstrong, who's been stripped of his seven Tour wins over doping allegations. Bradley Wiggins, the Brit who won the race in 2012 and the 2012 Olympic gold in the road time trial, has turned down the chance to defend his title, agreeing instead to support his teammate Chris Froome's bid for glory.

July 1: EU welcomes Croatia

Croatia becomes the 28th member of the European Union. Its neighbour and on-and-off foe, Serbia, is still negotiating membership. And Turkey will make a renewed push for EU membership starting on this date, when Lithuania takes over the rotating EU presidency.

September: Merkel faces vote

Another victory for the Iron Chancellor? Germany goes to the polls in parliamentary elections. While Angela Merkel remains popular in terms of personality, her coalition government may not survive the election, as the Liberal Democrats, the junior partner, are languishing at four per cent of the vote in polls. Merkel's CDU gets 36 per cent, compared to 30 per cent for the Social Democrats. The Pirate Party and Greens are also running.

Nov. 14: Charles turns 65

Even though he's now retirement age, heir to the British throne Prince Charles may have to wait for yet some time to become King. At age 86, his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, remains in good health. The Queen's mother lived to be 101 years old.

Nov. 22: JFK remembered

50th anniversary of the assassination of ex-U.S. president John F. Kennedy. JFK was killed by gunshots while visiting Dallas. Lee Harvey Oswald, an American who had moved to the Soviet Union, was arrested but killed by nightclub operator Jack Ruby before he could stand trial. Mystery still surrounds JFK's murder. The anniversary will be commemorated in Dallas.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

WE MUST MOVE FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD; UPWARD, NOT FORWARD ...

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Journalism has come a long way since the days when we all wore hats that said "Press" and drank whiskey at our desk. Now we wear hats that say "Internet" and drink Jack and Coke Zero at our desk. We've come a long way, baby.

There have been many changes in the way we collect the news, too. There was a time when the public wanted — and the media delivered — complete, accurate information at the end of the working day, while the kids removed Dad's slippers and Mom made meatloaf.

But now Mom and Dad live apart and the kids are busy sexting, so to fill the gaping void in your life you fill the hole with news, news and more news, every minute, day and night.

Even stories like the Ikea monkey get updated as quickly as possible, because we in the media don't want to look like fools with an out-of-date story about a monkey in a coat.

We will be coming to you live from the Ikea parking lot, dammit, and if the monkey flings some feces, you will hear about it before it hits the ground. That's our solemn promise to you.

This speed has occasionally led to what some may call errors, such as when we kill off people who aren't dead yet. But the fact of the matter is those people will some day be dead. We've only been giving you a heads up. You're welcome.

With that in mind, I've noticed that some of my media colleagues have stuck to their tired old ways by writing a Year in Review. That is so 2012.

Instead, I bring you the 2013 Year in Advance. Here are the stories that will happen next year, before they've happened.

- **Jan. 11:** NASA scientists announce a major breakthrough when the Mars Curiosity rover finds itself. "I want to be a painter," the machine declares.
- **Feb. 5:** Inspired by seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong's example, Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards also denies drug use.
- **April 9:** According to a new report, the Harper government ******** in ********* the ***** transparency.
- **May 15:** Avril Lavigne throws Nickelback into disarray when she teaches fiancé and lead singer Chad Kroeger a new chord progression. Other band members say her "crazy ideas" are threatening to "Yoko Ono" the band's singular sound.
- **Sept. 30:** Meteorologists change the naming system for hurricanes to better reflect reality. Hurricane I Am a Direct Result of Global Warming causes major damage to the U.S. coastline, yet fails to breach the Republican consciousness.
- **Oct. 9:** Will and Kate Plus 8 debuts on the Royal Life Network, as monarchists devour the latest news from Georges I through VIII.
- **Nov. 4:** Toronto Mayor Rob Ford's new 700-page memoir, The Broken Republic: A Treatise on Debate and Democracy, from Plato to the Paris Convention, is hailed as a masterwork of the genre.
- **Dec. 15:** BREAKING NEWS — Ikea monkey has died, Twitter confirms. Oh, wait, he was only asleep. But sources say he will die eventually. You're welcome.

2013 will be the year that media outlets bring you the news before it happens — including round-the-clock coverage of the Ikea monkey.
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Who are we to block the sun?

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Geoengineering

Scientific solution to global warming

A record loss of Arctic sea ice and faster-than-expected melting of Greenland's ice cap made worldwide headlines in 2012, but research published in major science journals suggests warming in the North doesn't have to continue from 2013 on.

Scientists theorize that injecting reflective particles of some kind into the high atmosphere could reduce the amount of sunlight reaching the Earth's surface and compensate for the greenhouse effect.

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Ethical question

"The really hard questions here aren't mostly technical. They're questions about what kind of planet we want and who we are."

David Keith, a Calgarian and professor of applied physics at Harvard University.
Keith said any significant nation in the world has the technological capacity to facilitate a drop in the Earth's temperature.

Save it for an emergency

Cooling the Earth could be a bad idea

In a world that seems unable to come to grips with carbon-dioxide emissions driving climate change, manipulating the Earth's climate to cool it down has some calling geoengineering a bad idea.

The professor behind the idea, David Keith, believes emissions should be cut, and he doesn't advocate such a plan, at least not yet.

He suggested geoengineering may be a viable response to a "climate emergency" — a sudden collapse of ice sheets or a killing drought. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Debate heats up

- The UN has ruled out geoengineering.
- Peter Mooney of the Ottawa-based Etc Group, an environmental technology watchdog, is skeptical of anyone's ability to manage geoengineering.
- "The governments who screwed up in the first place can't be expected to take something like planetary systems management and do a better job of it," he said.

ebooks

2013 is no time to toss the cookbook in the trash

While ebooks have been exploding in popularity in recent years, scholars, chefs and those who just love to tool around in the kitchen say it's not time to stick a fork in the physical cookbook just yet.

Trend watcher Christine Couvelier, who recently passed the 3,000 mark in her cookbook collection, thinks the print format isn't going anywhere, though she also enjoys such innovations as the video clips used with recipes, and stories in publications like Martha Stewart Living that she reads on her iPad.

"There's something about experiencing a cookbook the way the author designed it so the right format is there," said the Victoria-based chef, who noted that some ereaders reformat cookbooks.

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Paywalls

Newspapers go back to the future

Whether they're lauded as the future of online media or labelled a scourge on the flow of digital information, opinions abound on the rise of paywalls in Canada, and the conversation is only going to get louder. One frequently cited example of such success is the New York Times, but observers caution that the paper is an "elite" product.

Some Postmedia papers — including the Montreal Gazette, the Ottawa Citizen and the Vancouver Sun — have been experimenting with paywalls this year. The company plans to put the rest of its newspapers behind a paywall in early 2013.

The Globe and Mail launched its much-anticipated paywall recently, and the Toronto Star, which boasts the highest circulation in Canada, will also be watching the evolution of its audience very closely once it puts up a paywall in 2013.

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From aggressive women to quiet men to androgynous rappers, the new year looks promising

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Metro World News

5 Bands to listen to in 2013

Savages

One of the biggest buzzes out of this year's CMJ Music Marathon in New York City was Savages, four London women whose punctuated attack on every song is every bit as vicious and thrilling as their name implies. Gemma Thompson plays guitar like she's the runaway teenage daughter of The Edge. Yes, she learned a lot from her old man, but she's still rebelling against him with the way she draws abrasive and occasionally atonal sounds out of the instrument. It's not easy to make out the subject matter coming from singer Jehnny Beth, but it's unmistakably angry, as she flails about like every convulsion is choreographed to the beats of drummer Fay Milton, who just wails on her kit. Holding down all the chaos is bassist Ayse Hassan. The sound is post-punk (sounding like a cross between Joy Division and the aforementioned early U2 thing). They've officially released a single and a live EP, but expect an LP in the first part of 2013. **PAT HEALY**

Mykki Blanco

Mykki Blanco, the alter ego of Michael Quattlebaum Jr., mixes a helping of tribal beats with her radical rap. The solo artist follows in the nontraditional path of recent indie hip-hop a la Odd Future, successfully dipping into punk and electro while retaining individuality. Her profile is bound to go up in the early months of 2013 with the slow and steady reception of praise she is receiving from her November-released album, Cosmic Angel: The Illuminati Prince/ss.
CHRIS LEO PALERMINO

Night Beds

Winston Yellin has the sort of voice that could quiet a huge room. It's not necessarily the Fleet Foxes/My Morning Jacket airy style of delivery that's so effective as much as you can just tell that this is somebody who is saying something that he feels deeply, and there's really nothing much more contagious than that. If his song Even If We Try is any indication, his album, Country Sleep, which will be out on Dead Oceans in February, is going to be a stunner.
EVE HYMAN

Little Green Cars

The hook for this Irish band's recent single, The John Wayne, is "it's easy to fall in love." And with LGC's simple and authoritative harmonic songs, it really is easy. They can weave their voices together as beautifully as any esteemed practitioner of the traditional music of their homeland, but they combine it with a crushing angst and the joy of rocking out. The band are expected to deliver a full-length in the early part of the year.
PAT HEALY

Deap Vally

Considering the oversaturation of bleeps and bloops lately, Joan Jett-esque grrl rock duo Deap Vally are a welcome change. Skimpy, sequined outfits, long hair and heavy rockin' are the name of the game for these L.A. women who are already signed to Island Records and have recently been opening for Muse in Europe. Throw on your jean jacket and get down with Lindsey Troy's raspy vocals.
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THE BIG MOVIES OF 2013

Star Trek: Into Darkness

JJ Abrams has been keeping us waiting four years for the followup to his fantastic reboot of the sci-fi juggernaut. But if it's anything like the first film, the wait will have been well worth it. And with Sherlock star Benedict Cumberbatch coming onboard in a highly-speculated-upon villain role, odds are it will impress.

The World's End

Speaking of long waits, Edgar Wright is going to finally — finally! — release the last entry in his Cornetto Trilogy, after Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz. The film follows pals played by Simon Pegg and Nick Frost as they relive a pub crawl that may or may not coincide with the apocalypse.

Ender's Game

Science-fiction fans have been waiting a long, long time for a film adaptation of Orson Scott Card's tale of kids training to battle aliens in the near future, but the wait is (almost) over. The cast is stacked with the likes of Harrison Ford, Sir Ben Kingsley and Viola Davis, plus high-brow younger talent like Hailee Steinfeld (True Grit), Abigail Breslin (Little Miss Sunshine) and Asa Butterfield (Hugo) as Ender.

World War Z

The behind-the-scenes squabbling of this Brad-Pitt-starring zombie flick might prove to be more entertaining than the movie itself, but we're morbidly curious to see the results either way. Last we heard, the ending was completely rewritten and reshot, and Pitt and director Marc Foster were only speaking to each other via third parties.

Don Jon's Addiction

After learning on the job from directors like Steven Spielberg, Christopher Nolan and Rian Johnson in 2012, Joseph Gordon-Levitt steps behind the camera himself for the first time with this modern-day take on Don Juan, co-starring Scarlett Johansson. Gordon-Levitt also stars and wrote the screenplay.

Elysium

District 9 auteur Neill Blomkamp brings some social commentary to the summer blockbuster with a big and loud action film about the haves and the have nots, immigration reform and environmental issues. In the film, the one per cent live on a pristine space station orbiting the ruined Earth. Matt Damon stars.

Warm Bodies

This romantic comedy — about an undead boy (Nicholas Hoult) who falls for a potential victim (Teresa Palmer) looks to have plenty of wit, charm and life to it.

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Man of Steel

There's a lot riding on Zack Snyder's attempt to reboot the Superman franchise seven years after Bryan Singer's droopy Superman Returns. If it succeeds, it will serve as the jumping-off point for the Justice League, DC Comics' attempt to steal some of that Avengers thunder from rival Marvel. But will new star Henry Cavill make an impression with audiences? Can Snyder redeem himself for the awful Sucker Punch? We'll know by June 14, that's for sure.

Kill Your Darlings

Daniel Radcliffe ventures the furthest he's gone yet from his Harry Potter roots in first-time director John Krokidas' true-life tale of the early days of the Beat Generation and the murder that nearly drove them apart. Rad-

The Great Gatsby

This one was set for a Christmas 2012 release before being shunted to the following summer, which normally isn't a great sign, but whether that's a vote of no confidence in Baz Luhrmann's ambitious take on the American classic — shot in 3D — is yet to be seen.

Food trends don't come out of nowhere; they grow and evolve from years passed and embody the current thinking and influences of a culture. Like other artists, chefs get inspiration from the world around them, searching for new and tongue-tickling treasures. Fresh ideas, ingredients and techniques are highlighted in culinary competitions like Bocuse D'or in France, which serves as inspiration to restaurants first and then trickle into the mainstream. The following year, we see grocery stores and retailers introducing these same flavours and trends to give us home cooks a chance to play along. Next year will see us continue on a healthy/wholesome kick.

BY THERESA ALBERT, MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM

5 Delicious food trends for 2013

Year of the whole beast ...

"Nose to tail" cooking has been around for a few years as chefs strut their peasant pleasures and use up every bone and organ an animal can offer. Now, the idea has come home to roost. Look for "whole beast" parties to surge. Head on, big meals like roast suckling pig, whole duck on a spit and a whole salmon in a big backyard smoker will treat you this summer.

Seaweed so good

Darwinian beings came from the sea and now we go back to it for taste and nutrients. Seaweed is a huge "new" (yet ancient) food. No longer just wrapped around sushi or as dulse from the east coast, expect to find it in crackers, breads, as a topping and a snack. Seaweed, after all, contains more minerals than any other food on the planet. Look for sushi nori to crop up in salads and other recipes, and flavoured seaweed to come to a potato chip aisle near you.

... and the veggies

As our global luck would have it, the opposite trend has taken hold as vegetarians, vegans and flexitarians take the reins. Veggies as a main dish won't be relegated to the sidebar. Look for kale, collards and other greens to be dressed for success with beans for the vegans and sausage or bacon for the rest to make a whole meal. It's a good thing too, because the numbers show that we still aren't eating nearly enough greens.

Off the rails taco fusions

Tacos are king but it isn't just the ground beef and chili powder variety that will make the grade anymore. Look for fusion flavours with Asian cabbage and Harrisa paste in a classic corn tortilla. The wilder the combo, the cooler it will be. Creative textures, shapes and sizes of the shells will morph too ... ice cream cone filled with pulled chicken with crème fraiche, anyone?

The tiniest taste

Mini-me is key. Everything small is big. Going further than the tapas trend, this one allows one mouthful of a pleasure to be enjoyed while leaving room for healthier fuel; baby burgers will incorporate herbs and greens, mini grilled cheese, mini corn dogs and super cute cubes of cake satisfy. Perhaps we have figured out that it doesn't have to be massive to hit the spot. (Here's hoping!)

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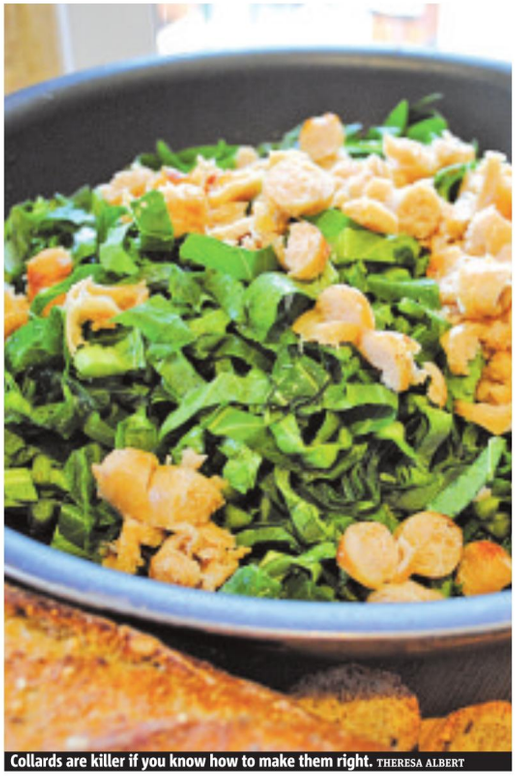
Collard Greens with Sausage



Collards are killer if you know how to make them right. THERESA ALBERT

Collard Greens are cheap and yet are one of the most popular vegetables. What a combo!

Many, though, don't know how to cook them. In the Southern U.S. they simmer them low and slow. Brazilians sliver them into thin strips and do a quick sauté. Our method is somewhere in the middle to save you time and keep the leaves al dente.

This flexitarian meal can be completely vegan or sausaged to the nines to suit your group. Keep toppings separate and serve as a main course with a crusty loaf of bread and some nice hummus or sharp cheese.

1. Rinse greens and chop off stems. Discard. Roll leaves width wise in stacks of 4 or 5 leaves. Slice thinly across the leaf (chiffonade) to create ribbons that are about ¼ inch thick or less. Place into a large pot with a lid containing ¼ cup of water. Bring to a boil, then turn down to simmer over medium-high heat to cook down for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in butter, honey, salt and white pepper. Simmer further for 15 minutes.

2. Place toppings in bowls on the table and serve with warm bread.

3. Enjoy!

THERESA ALBERT

Ingredients

Serving Size: 8, prep time: 10 minutes

- 2 bunches collard greens — about 10 cups chopped
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 teaspoon salt (or less to taste)
- 1 teaspoon white pepper

Toppings

- 2 cups cooked breakfast sausage, cooked bacon or canned white beans that have been warmed

Sushi for dummies. Add salmon, chicken or pork for extra taste

Ingredients

Serves 4, Prep Time: 5 min

- 2 Cups, cooked, short grain rice (or any other leftover rice)
- 2-3 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 cup sliced cucumber
- 1/2 cup carrot, grated or shaved
- 1/2 cup diced red pepper
- 2 sheets toasted nori, ripped or cut into pieces
- 1/2 avocado

1. Place rice on individual plates or bowls.

2. Season with vinegar and soy sauce — stir with a fork (so rice doesn't clump together).

3. Top with remaining ingredients.

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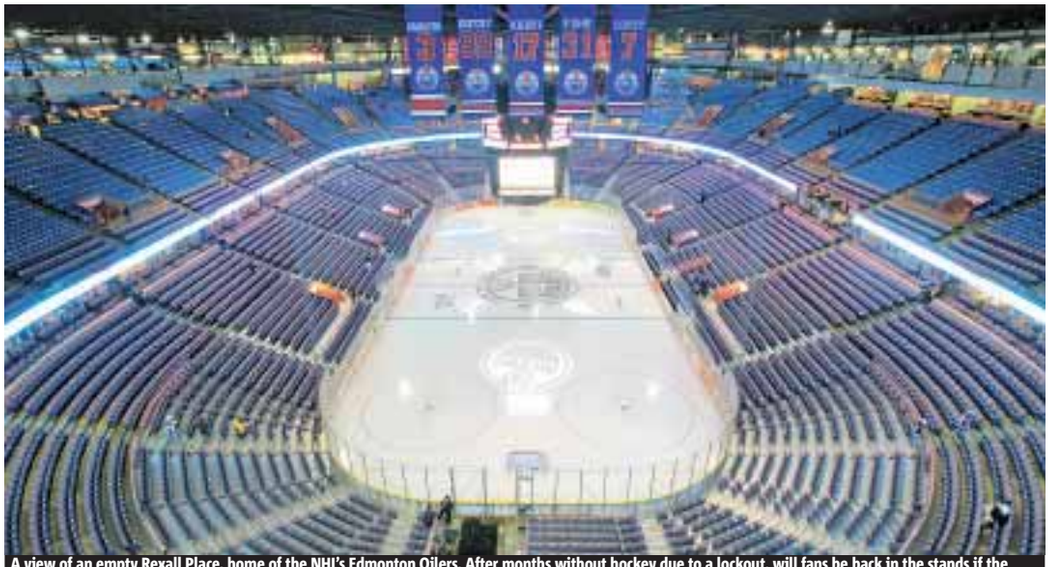
Fed up fans to lock out NHL with boycott pledge



A view of an empty Rexall Place, home of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers. After months without hockey due to a lockout, will fans be back in the stands if the season returns in the new year? TIM SMITH/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Fan tweets

Will you tune in to hockey if the NHL returns in the new year?

@taboada93: I don't think so it's so sad with how they're handling the NHL lockout. It's dragging on badly

@xonor8: NO NO NO

@dhfromkw: Yes, good things are worth waiting for. MTS Centre is always electric. Love being part of it.

@AlanSimpson: No. What goodwill that was built by the return of the Jets is gone. Again.

@Primlar: I plan to avoid as many @NHL games as are locked out, once a deal is reached. They lose this season, I'll skip 2013-14.

Just Drop It. Campaign calls for hockey supporters to drop everything related to the sport after Dec. 21

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
Metro in Vancouver

Steve Chase and his friends pledge to boycott one NHL game for every game cancelled after Dec. 21 and they're sticking by it.

The 55-year-old commercial director, a Montrealer who lives in Los Angeles, started a grassroots campaign called Just Drop It that encourages fans to drop everything hockey-related — no merchandise, no TV, no game tickets.

"We don't want to destroy our game," he told Metro. "We just want them to pay attention to us.… We decided a fair thing would be to just make it one for one. If you cancel a game, we cancel a game."

Chase created a video that has been viewed a total of 100,000 times on YouTube and Vimeo, as well as a Facebook page, which already has more than 19,000 likes.

"Our goal was to be heard," he said. "We're knocking on the door of that meeting saying, 'Guys, we're the people paying you. We're a little annoyed that you're disregarding and disrespecting us.'"

Chase said he hopes fans will live up to the pledge's challenge. "I hope people stick to it because we need to send a little bit of a message: 'Guys, don't do this again,'" he added.

But Dr. Joti Samra, host and psychologist on the Oprah Winfrey Network's Million Dollar Neighbourhood, said that fans may be upset now about the contract negotiations, but they're not going to be able to resist the temptation.

"When it comes to sport we're pretty forgiving fans, whether our team is playing or not, whether they win or not," she said. "It's frustrating now because for a lot of people the big part of their social activities revolve around sports, especially this time of year when the days are shorter, and people are inside more … but fans are fans. They will support the team at the end of the day no matter what."

Quoted

"They will support the team at the end of the day no matter what."

Dr. Joti Samra on the psychology of sports fans

Teams to watch in 2013

CAM TUCKER
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Toronto Blue Jays

The acquisitions of pitchers Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle and, more recently, R.A. Dickey, as well as fielders Melky Cabrera and Jose Reyes have created a lot of enthusiasm. But more than 10 months separate the Jays from a playoff spot — their first since 1993.

Seattle Seahawks

The Seattle Seahawks began the 2012-13 NFL season at long-shot 60-1 odds to win the Super Bowl, according to Bodog.ca on Sept. 18. Fast forward three months ahead and the Seahawks are, with a 9-5 record, 20-1 odds to win the Super Bowl, as per the same gambling website.

The Seahawks have gone from pretender to contender thanks mostly to reliable running back Marshawn Lynch, a staunch defence and the improved play of rookie quarterback Russell Wilson.

Vancouver Whitecaps

The Vancouver Whitecaps' sophomore Major League Soccer campaign yielded a playoff berth, but the club backed into the post-season by winning twice in its final 11 games. Scoring was an issue throughout the year — the Caps put up a total of 35 goals in 34 games.

Saskatchewan Roughriders

There are passionate Canadian Football League fans all across Canada. But few can top those who wear the green of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The Roughriders will host the 2013 Grey Cup, not far removed from the heartbreak of the 2009 title game that saw them lose the Grey Cup thanks to a too-many-men call. A berth as the host team won't be easy in the West Division. The B.C. Lions will be a formidable foe, as will the Calgary Stampeders.

Halifax Mooseheads

The Halifax Mooseheads occupied the top spot in the Canadian Hockey League rankings as of Dec. 12, and are led offensively by 17-year-old centre Nathan MacKinnon, who had 22 goals and 52 points in just 30 games before leaving for Team Canada's world junior selection camp.

Hot Canadian athletes to watch

PHILIP CROUCHER AND MATTHEW WUEST
Metro in Halifax

Steve Nash

By the time the NBA playoffs roll around, the spotlight will be squarely on Vancouver's Steve Nash and the Los Angeles Lakers. The 38-year-old two-time most valuable player is in his 17th season and is still in search of his first NBA title. On a team loaded with big-name talent — Kobe Bryant, Dwight Howard, Pau Gasol and Metta World Peace — the Lakers are supposed to be the Western Conference's answer to the Eastern Conference's defending champions, the Miami Heat. But plenty of questions remain about whether the Lakers can put it all together as Nash strives to finish his illustrious career a champion.

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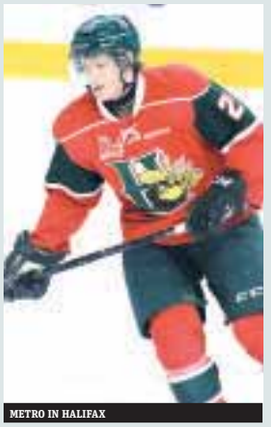
Georges St-Pierre

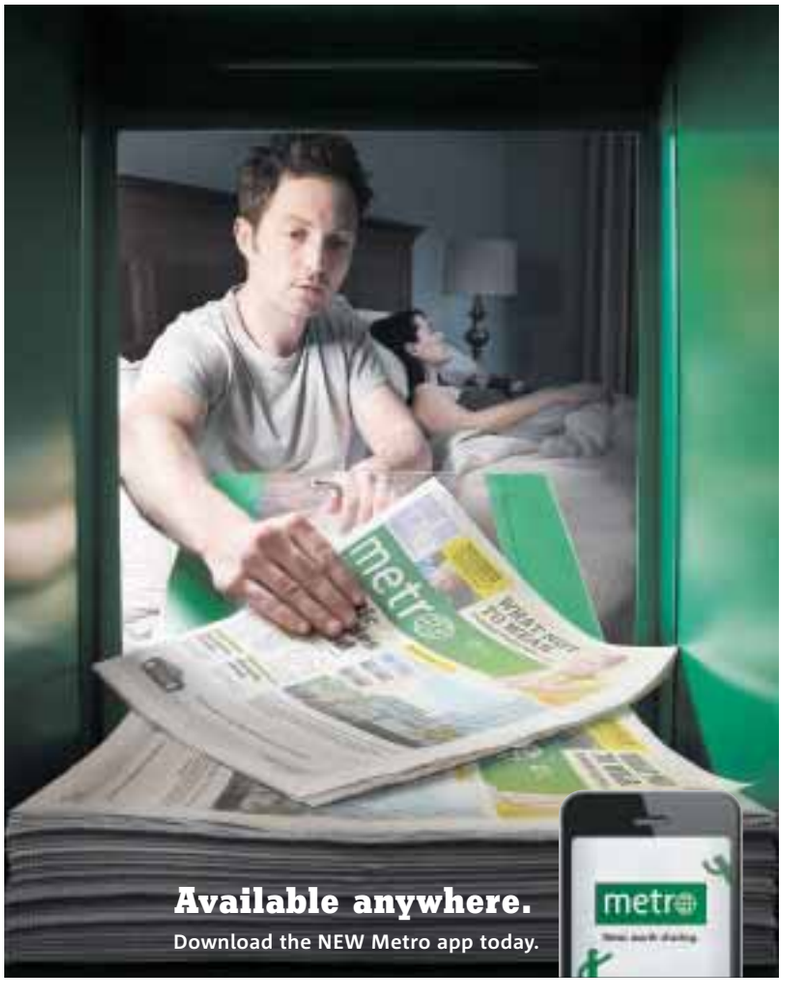
It will without question be the biggest fight in MMA history. Montreal's Georges St-Pierre is expected to square off against UFC middleweight champion Anderson Silva sometime in 2013 in what is being dubbed simply the "super fight." St-Pierre and Silva are considered the best pound-for-pound fighters in MMA, and the showdown should finally put to rest the question of who is the best. St-Pierre goes into 2013 on a high after winning a blood-filled five-round decision over Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit in November to unify the welterweight title. He also showed he has lots left in the tank after missing 18 months due to knee surgery.

Nathan MacKinnon



METRO IN HALIFAX

The electrifying forward from Cole Harbour, N.S., has been the front-runner to be selected No. 1 overall in the NHL draft for more than a year now. MacKinnon, 17, raises fans of the Halifax Mooseheads out of their seats with his high-octane speed and ability to score goals in bunches. He hails from the same hometown as Sidney Crosby — generating comparisons between the two despite significantly different styles of play — and is facing plenty of competition from Portland Winterhawks defenceman Seth Jones, among others. The battle could go right down to the wire on the draft stage at Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., on June 28.



Milos Raonic

With almost $1.2 million in prize money and two tournament victories, 2012 was certainly kind to Toronto's Milos Raonic. But with success comes higher expectations and Canadian tennis fans from coast-to-coast will be looking for this 21-year-old power server to elevate his game even further in 2013. Fans will be watching closely at the four majors too, where Raonic went 8-4 this year. His best finish came at the U.S. Open where he made it to the quarter-finals before dropping a straight-sets decision to Andy Murray.

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Graham DeLaet

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Graham DeLaet isn't a household name to most Canadian golf fans but 2013 could be the year he becomes one. The Weyburn, Sask., native is coming off a solid season on the PGA Tour. DeLaet played in 23 tour events in 2012, made 17 cuts, finished in the top five twice and earned a cool $1.05 million. His best finish was a tie for fourth in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, and in the FedEx Cup playoffs DeLaet made it to the third round. All that's really left is his first PGA tour victory, which many think could happen in 2013.

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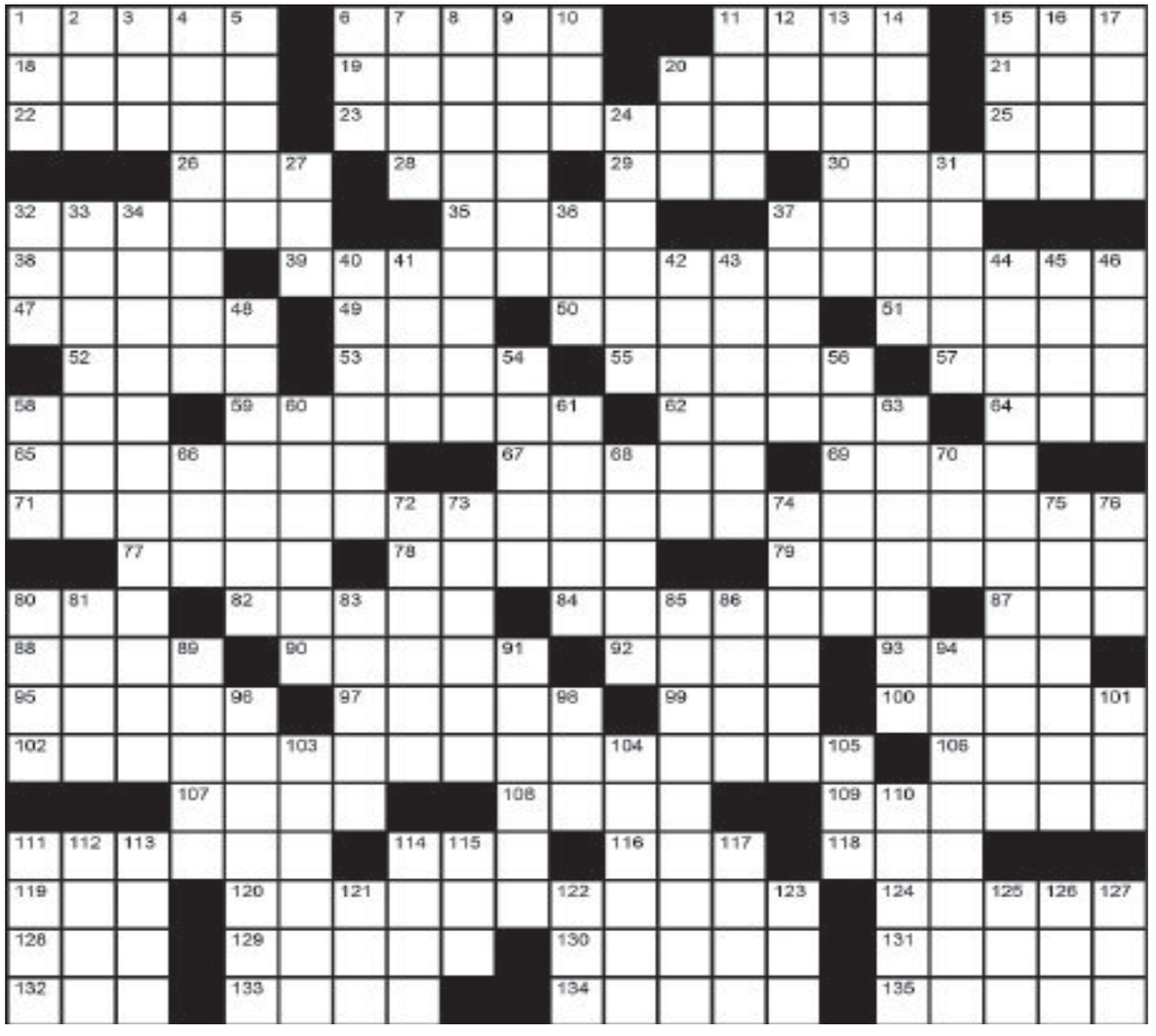

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15. Russian city where Canada is now competing in hockey's 2013 World Juniors
18. Recipe instructions phrase
19. Mr. Quinn
20. Venetian traveller Mr. Polo
21. Chitchat
22. "Baby Beluga" troubadour
23. Prisoner 24601
25. Ex __.
26. Honest __, Toronto
28. F.D.R as F.R. instead
29. "Star Trek" starship, partially
30. Scarth Street locale
32. Levy
35. Tiara twinklers
37. Tabula __ (Clean slate)
38. Newbie
39. Etiquette expert in Metro
47. Suzette's serving
49. "Well, now!"
50. Sea nymph
51. Harmony
52. Hairstyling request
53. Cuts wood
55. Moray catcher, say
57. Close-fitting
58. Deorbited space station
59. WWI: Harry Colebourn's "Winnipeg"
62. #23-Across hideaway
64. Natural __
65. What an extra might have in dialogue
67. Elton John song
69. Specialist
71. It culminates (federally) on April 14th, 2013
77. Network VIP
78. Ewoks' forest moon home
79. Comes forth
80. John A. Macdonald
82. Hockey great Mr. Mikita, and others
84. Justin Timberlake, formerly
87. Mini Martians
88. Beverage company
90. Shoulder scarf
92. Calendrier component
93. Patsy Gallant disco hit: "From New York __"
95. Wee hours time
97. "__ you loud and clear."
99. Movie studio
100. Quick bite
102. Marianas Trench and Hedley
106. Thunderstruck
107. Single-named supermodel
108. Utmost degrees
109. "Battle of the Blades" champ Ms. Bonhomme's
111. Dancer's move
114. Fruit drink
116. Oprah's __! moment
118. Tom Mulcair's letters
119. Snowy __
120. Scotiabank __ (Literary award)
124. Toy company
128. Keanu's 'Matrix' role
129. Gnaw geologically
130. Falcon-headed deity
131. "1234" songstress
132. Caravansary
133. HGTV undertaking
134. Sluggish
135. Pup's protests!

Down

1. Feb.'s follower
2. Inman's beloved in "Cold Mountain" (2003)
3. Comp. file
4. Yann Martel's book-turned-movie
5. Barenaked Ladies' title lady, and others
6. __ Mahal
7. Nothing: French
8. "Cash Cab" host
9. Mr. Lanois, U2 producer
10. Letter's li'l jacket
11. Mil. ranks
12. Pique
13. Ancient Egypt's divine beetle
14. Gets in shape
15. Certain citrus
16. Gladly
17. "Dancing Queen" band
20. Real estate acronym
24. Kangaroo logo shampoo
27. Minute bit
31. Billionaire Bill
32. Company name abbr.
33. 007's drink
34. The Arctic Grail author
36. 'My' in Montreal
37. Freshen
40. Backpackers' lodging
41. Captain in 1956's "Moby Dick"
42. Lancome Paris perfume
43. Ms. Mirren's
44. They concern signage in Quebec
45. Quito is its cap.
46. Mr. Philbin, et al.
48. Royal realms
54. Lunchtime order
56. Fitness __
58. Actress Gretchen
60. Makes official
61. French artist, Odilon __ (b.1840 - d.1916)
63. Territory the Hudson's Bay Company controlled, __ Land
66. Supervillain Mr. Luthor
68. Vice __
70. Basic learning, informally
72. Edgar Allan Poe poem
73. Eve __ (Playwright/activist)
74. Trojan hero
75. Whales' order
76. Feminine suffix
80. Sketch show
81. Hawkeye State
83. 'Decor' finishing
85. English setting of "Downton Abbey"
86. Microwave
89. Be silent, in music
91. Breadwinner
94. Making the most of Boxing Day sales
96. Kris Jenner, to The Kardashians
98. Polka's partner
101. ms. lang's
103. Diamond arbiter
104. River Styx ferryman
105. Subway stop, shortly
110. Enlighten
111. Ms. Braxton
112. Sound, Ontario
113. PayPal co-founder Mr. Musk
114. Shoe store
115. Canadian comic Gerry
117. Cote d'__ (French Riviera)
121. Mr. Chaney Jr.
122. Greek letter
123. Founded, for short
125. Actor Mr. Wheaton
126. Web connector [abbr.]
127. Days opp.

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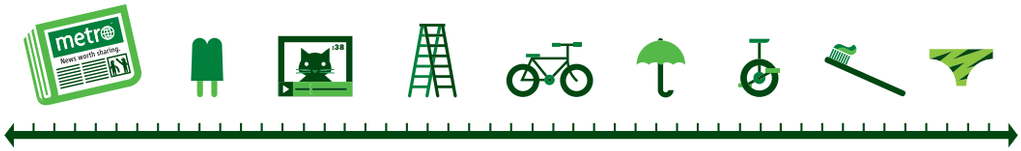

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